(*e*) whether fuel required by the ryot for his domestic use is subject to the increased rates;

(*f*) whether prior to the Court of Wards' management the zamindar levied a rate for the plough of the ryot, and left the ryot free to remove the wood required for his agricultural and domestic purposes;

(*g*) the reasons for altering the former procedure adopted in the muchilkas executed by the ryots;

(*h*) whether Government are aware that the Mustagari system prevailing in the Bodo Kimedi zamindari has resulted in great hardship to the ryot;

(*i*) whether the Government will be pleased to enquire into the grievances of the Pedda Kimedi ryots regarding increase in forest rates and the previous mamuls prevailing in the zamindari; and

(*j*) whether they would consider the desirability of not reserving forests and jungles adjoining the villages to a distance of one mile?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*j*) The Government have not the information. They have called for a report.

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the reply when they get it?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"The Government will consider that suggestion when the report is received."

Deputy Collectors

Proposed transfer of Mr. V. Ramanadham Pantulu, Revenue Divisional Officer, Nuzvid.

* 2 *Q.*—The Zamindar of Gollapalli: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to transfer the Revenue Divisional Officer of Nuzvid division, M.R.Ry. V. Ramanadham Pantulu Garu; and

(*b*) if so, what are the causes that have actuated the Government to take such a step?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) As far as Government are aware, there is no such proposal.

Famine

Steps taken to meet the scarcity of fodder in some taluks.

* 3 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the taluks in the province where fodder was insufficient during the months of April to June this year and the measures taken by them to meet the scarcity of fodder in the said areas?

A.—As regards the first part of the question the hon. Member is referred to the abstract of the season reports published in the Supplement to Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette.* As regards the second part of the question, there being no apprehension of famine in these areas, no interference by Government with private trade was either contemplated or attempted.